

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-28, 30 and 31 were pending in this application. Claims 28, 30 and 31 have been allowed. Claims 1 and 3-27 have been canceled. No claims have been added or amended. Hence, claims 28, 30 and 31 remain pending. Reconsideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 9-12 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by the cited portions of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0197727 to Ogushi et al. ("Ogushi").

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the cited portions of Ogushi, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,219,648 to Jones et al. ("Jones").

Claims 7, 8, 14, 15, 22-24 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogushi, and further in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,032,184 to Cogger et al. ("Cogger").

Claims 13 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogushi, and further in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,658,586 to Levi et al. ("Levi").

Claim 25 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Ogushi and Cogger as applied to claim 22, and further in view of Levi.

Claims 16-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogushi, and further in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,963,911 to Walker et al. ("Walker").

Claim 27 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Ogushi and Cogger as applied to claim 22, and further in view of Walker.

All non-allowed claims have been canceled.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

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